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1. AT MAY 20 HEADS OF DEL MEETING, VAN LENNEP INDICATED THAT DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS IN LONDON THE PREVIOUS DAY CALLAGHAN AND HEALEY HAD GENERALLY CONFIRMED ARRANGEMENTS FOR OECD MINISTERIAL AS HE HAD OUTLINED TO HEADS OF DEL LAST WEEK. HE CONFIRMED THAT MOST SPEAKERS WOULD BE LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES, LEAVING OPEN POSSIBILITY THAT SOME MINISTERS OTHER THAN SECRETARY KISSINGER MIGHT MAKE LONGER STATEMENTS. ONLY NEW WRINKLE WAS HIS SUGGESTION THAT LONGER STATEMENTS MIGHT NOT COME AT BEGINNING; SOME FIVE-MINUTE STATEMENTS MIGHT PRECEDE LONGER STATEMENTS BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AND OTHERS. VAN LENNEP SAID IT WAS AGREED THAT VAN ELSLANDE'S REPORT ON IEA MINISTERIAL WOULD BE MADE DURING MORNING OF FIRST DAY. HE INDICATED THAT HEALEY CONTINUES TO WANT DECISIONS ON RENEWAL OF TRADE PLEDGE AND ACCOMPANYING COMMENTARY TO BE MADE ON SECOND DAY, ALTHOUGH HE EXPECTS CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT REFERENCES TO TRADE PLEDGE IN GENERAL POLITICO-

ECONOMIC CONTEXT WOULD BE MADE BY MINISTERS DURING DAY ONE. UK MINISTERS WERE AGREED THAT ONLY ONE COMMUNIQUE SHOULD BE ISSUED, ALTHOUGH CALLAGHAN WOULD BRIEF PRESS AT CONCLUSION OF FIRST DAY.

2. DURING SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION, UK PERMREP GALLAGHER, WHO WAS IN LONDON FOR VAN LENNEP'S MEETINGS WITH CALLAGHAN AND HEALEY, SAID THAT CALLAGHAN EXPECTS JAPANESE AND POSSIBLY RENCH MINISTERS TO MAKE LONGER STATEMENTS IN ADDITION TO HIS OWN OPENING STATEMENT AND THE REPORT BY VAN ELSLANDE ON THE IEA MINISTERIAL. (JAPANESE DELEGATION HAS CONFIRMED THAT MINISTER MIYAZAWA WISHED TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL STATEMENT LASTING LONGER THAN FIVE MINUTES DURING FIRST MORNING.) GALLAGHER SAID HIS UNDERSTANDING WAS THAT SOAMES ALSO WISHED TO MAKE LENGTHY STATEMENT, PRESUMABLY SPEAKING FOR COMMUNITY ON TRADE PLEDGE AND FOR COMMISSION ON OTHER ISSUES. CALLAGHAN FEELS THIS IS FULL PLATE FOR FIRST MORNING. (IDEA THAT SOME FIVE MINUTE STATEMENTS MIGHT PRECEDE SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT WAS INTENDED AS MEANS OF ESTABLISHING GENERAL FIVE MINUTE RULE AT OUTSET.) WITH THIS LINE-UP, WE BELIEVE THAT WASHINGTON'S OBJECTIVES EXPRESSED IN STATE 116769 HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED.

3. GALLAGHER SAID THAT HEALEY CONSIDERS IT IMPORTANT THAT CONCLUSIONS BE REACHED ON TRADE PLEDGE ON SECOND DAY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FINANCE MINISTERS SOMETHING TANGIBLE TO DECIDE AS COUNTERPART TO DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDGS WHICH WILL BE ISSUED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS ON FIRST DAY, THUS AVOIDING APPEARANCE OF SECOND-CLASS STATUS FOR SECOND DAY. HE ADDED THAT PETER SHORE, WHO PRESENTLY PLANS TO ATTEND ONLY SECOND DAY, WOULD WISH TO MAKE STATEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH TRADE PLEDGE RENEWAL. IN VIEW OF SHORE'S PLANS, GALLAGHER ASKED THAT WE INFORM HIS GOVERNMENT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE IF WE HAVE STRONG OBJECTIONS TO CONCLUDING TRADE PLEDGE DISCUSSION ON SECOND DAY.

4. GALLAGHER INDICATED THAT CALLAGHAN MADE IT CLEAR TO VAN LENNEP THAT HE SEES THE IEA AND OECD MINISTERIALS CONFIDENTIAL

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AS PART OF A "WESTERN ALLIANCE WEEK" CULMINATING IN THE NATO SUMMIT. CALLAGHAN VIEWS DECLARATION ON RELATIONS WITH LDGS AS PROVIDING POLITICAL FRAMEWORK FOR COMMUNIQUE LANGUAGE ON COMMODITIES, ESTABLISHMENT OF HIGH LEVEL GROUP ON COMMODITIES AND POSSIBLE OECD REVIEW OF ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH LDGS. GALLAGHER NOTED THAT LONDON STILL HAS NOT REACHED DEFINITE DECISION ON ADVISABILITY OF LATTER EXERCISE.

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